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JUNE, 2007



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Next Meeting: Wednesday
JUNE13th - 2007 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

UPCOMING FCC VE TEST FOR YR 2007

VE FCC exams in 2007 are April July 11, and October 10 @ 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO.

Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrrl.net or 573-221-8618. The 2007 test fee is still \$14.00 and goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** **by Secretary, Fred KBØWIL**

Date: May 9th, 2007

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo 63401

Meeting called to order by: Mark-NØZOF

Approval of meeting minutes in last newsletter:

Date of previous meeting: April 11th, 2007

Motion to approve by: Cliff-KØCA Seconded by: Ryan-KCØMYA

Treasurers Report: Tony-WØPGL

Cash-\$ 1,021.24 CD-\$1,188.26 Total-\$2,209.50
Motion to approve: Ryan-KCØMYA Seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

Repeater Report: Fred-KBØWIL

The 146.625 machine seems to be working great now. We have a few more little improvements that we will do in the near future. The 146.880 machine is doing great as well.

Hospital Report:

No news regarding the OCF antenna. They have had the antenna since October 2006. It's a broken record.

K9P Special Event: April 27th & 28th, 2007



We had a great time over to Carols- WA9EFV place of abode. We made 120 QSO's, and had fun doing it as well. Thank you to all who helped participate with this event. A special thanks to Nancy Bartlett for all the hospitality, and the great food as well, and I guess we better thank Carol-WA9EFV for the use of his redneck retreat. Just kidding Carol, hi hi. He made us a great meal as well... and a wiener roast at the end of the day!



Fred KB0WIL was really into those roasted marshmallows!

Emergency Planning Scenario: Tuesday June 19th, 2007

John Hark Emergency Planning Coordinator is planning on a Mock Disaster Drill here in Hannibal on June 19th, 2007. He doesn't know all the particulars yet, and won't until that morning. He wanted to know if some area hams would be willing

to help out during this drill. If interested contact Mark-N0ZOF mccarp@nemonet.com or Tel # 573-406-0701.

Field Day June 23rd & June 24th, 2007

We discussed the upcoming Field Day on June 23rd & 24th. It will be in Huckleberry Park here in Hannibal. Same spot as last year. Mark-N0ZOF said the computer networking is ready to go, we will be using TR-Log for the logging. We discussed just running one CW station and one SSB station. We should have the antenna's that we need, and the coax. We will be fine tuning everything at the June meeting. **NOTE:** No barbeque at Field Day this year. The club barbeque will be on August 4th, 2007.

Quincy Amateur Radio Club Swapfest:

The Quincy swapfest is on Saturday August 11th, 2007. Don't miss out on this nice local hamfest.

50/50 Won by:

Mark-N0ZOF and he donated it back to the club, thanks Mark, the club appreciates it.

Donations: Lew Gordon-K4VX

The club wants to thank Lew Gordon for the great ARRL books and CD's that he donated to the club. We auctioned off a few of them tonight at the meeting, and will auction off one more at the next meeting. Mark-N0ZOF won the small repeater directory, and Fred-KB0WIL won the Software Library for hams on CD. We are starting up a raffle for a Large style Repeater 2007-2008 Directory and a Travel Plus CD. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and we will have the final drawing at the July 11th meeting. Buy some raffle tickets and help support the club.

Presentation tonight:

Cliff-K0CA gave a great presentation on his trip out to the W1AW headquarters in Connecticut. It would be a very interesting place to visit and see all the rigs and other equipment they have on display there. Thanks Cliff for the presentation.

Number of members: 15
Number of guests: 2

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion: Cliff-K0CA Seconded By: Mel-KC0HYY

DISASTER DRILL – JUNE 19, 2007

GET INVOLVED!

John Hark is planning on being involved in a mock disaster drill on (Tuesday) June 19th, 2007 here in Hannibal. He wants some area hams to be involved with this drill. If you are able to help out, contact HARC president:

Mark-NØZOF mccarp@nemonet.com

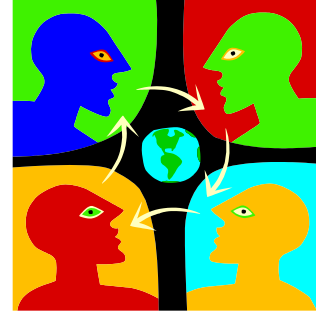
He will be in contact with John, and keep us informed of what they want us to do

Fred KBØWIL

FIELD DAY INFORMATION:

Sherry Nelson with the Marion County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is going to be setting up an information booth at our Field Day event this year. If interested in becoming a CERT member talk with Sherry, and also see the information in this issue of the newsletter below.

Just a reminder that Field Day is getting closer (June 23rd-24th, 2007). It will be in Huckleberry Park Pavilion, here in Hannibal. The same spot as last year. Please help the club out, and have some fun setting up the equipment. Field Day should be the whole club operating, not just the same ones every year. Come on out and support the club.....Fred.....KBØWIL...



Around the World

DX & Computer Horizons

June 2007

by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

Local DXers are recovering from a fun weekend at the Dayton Hamvention and from fighting the Scarborough Reef BS7H pileups. BS7H proved as difficult to contact for Midwestern DXers as had been feared. Poor propagation to our area, difficult conditions for putting up antennas on the four rocks, and huge pileups made it a daunting challenge to put this one in the log. Fortunately, a number of locals did manage to log a new DXCC entity. While at Dayton I had the opportunity to visit with Bob Vallio W6RGG, team leader of the BS7H effort. The group faced many challenges, including rough seas on the trip to Scarborough which resulted in the men getting thrown around the vessel and fighting seasickness, the difficulty in building and occupying small platforms constructed on the rocks, the hot and intense sun conditions, and huge pileups. They ended their operation with over 45,000 QSOs in the log – check out the online logs at <http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srlog.html>. QSL via KU9C.

This year's Dayton Hamvention was outstanding. The weather was beautiful – mostly sunny and cool – the best I can recall. As a result of the perfect weather, there was lots of activity in the flea market which resulted in manageable crowds inside HARA arena. There were a number of interesting forums. I attended the Antennas and the Law forum, with the catchy title "Getting It Up and Keeping It Up." The highlight for me was the DX forum which featured excellent presentations and slides of the Swains Island KH8SI, Aves Island YX0A/YX0LIX, Kermadec ZL8R, Lakshadweep VU7RG/VU7MY,

and Scarborough BS7H DXpeditions. The Great River DX Group from our area found a lot of bargains, but did manage to take time to get together for a group picture, which is included in this newsletter. Now here's some upcoming DX news.

There was some exciting DX operations for 2008 which were announced at Dayton. In mid-February, 2008, a group led by K3NA and DL6LAU will operate from Ducie Island as VP6DX. They will be using the new Elecraft K3 radios. For up-to-date information about the operation, check out www.vp6dx.com. There will also be a February or March 2008 DXpedition to Clipperton, let by N6OX.

3B6 Agalega. A major DXpedition will sign 3B6DX beginning around June 6, for 10 or 12 days. Check out their web page at <http://3b6.godx.eu/>.

9Q Democratic Republic of Congo. Look for Gus 9Q1D to operate from the Congo until June 30. Georges 9Q1EK should return to the Congo June 20, although his operating time may be limited because of family commitments. Philippe 9Q1TB is also not very active due to family obligations and some lightning damage.

My DX tip of the month is a one-stop listing of Morse Code links, and can be found at <http://www.k8zt.com/morse.html>. Categories of links include Learning Morse Code, Morse Code Sites, Morse Code Copying Software and Hardware, Keys and Keyers, and Digital Modes. It's a good source of valuable resources for those interested in Morse Code. And if you're interested in building your code speed, check out RUFZ which has moved to <http://www.rufzxp.net/>.

Thanks to the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

DAYTON - THE GREAT RIVER DX GROUP, 2007



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VANITY CALL FEE INFORMATION:

ARLB012 FCC poised to lower vanity call sign fee
ARRL Bulletin 12 ARLB012
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT April 23, 2007
To all radio amateurs

The FCC has proposed reducing the regulatory fee to
obtain or retain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by
more than 40 percent starting later this year.
In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) released
April 18, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory
Fees for Fiscal Year 2007," in MD Docket
07-81, the
Commission is proposing to cut the fee from its



IT'S TORNADO SEASON- ARE YOU PREPARED?



April through June is tornado season across most of the United States. Although, tornado season does not have a set start and end date. If the conditions are right for a tornado, they can occur anytime throughout the year. Tornadoes, also known as twisters, usually move at about 15 to 30 miles per hour towards the northeast and last from a few minutes to as long as eight hours. You may be asking:

"How will I know if a tornado is approaching"?

In the United States, the National Weather Service (NWS) issues tornado watches and warnings. A watch means that the conditions are conducive for a tornado to occur while a warning means that a tornado has occurred or is about to occur.

Marion County CERT currently has 52 trained members. If you are interested in joining our team and learning the techniques needed to be prepared for a disaster; please contact Sherry Nelson at 573-769-2177 or Gordon Ipson at: 573-822-6248. Donations are greatly appreciated and accepted through the Hannibal Community Foundation.

The above information is taken from the CERT newsletter. To see more interesting and upcoming training schedules, and other very important information on this subject, please go to the cert websites:

<http://www.mcccmissouri.com/cert.html>
<http://www.mcccmissouri.com/>

Check the above website to find out when the next CERT Meeting is scheduled

NET CONTROL OPERATORS
2M 146.625/146.880

JUNE 2007

4	WØAJD	JD
11	WØPGL	TONY
18	KØDFW	HOWARD
25	N9UPG	BILL

JULY 2007

2	KB9VIS	BRIAN
9	KBØWIL	FRED
16	WØAJD	JD
23	WØPGL	TONY
30	KØDFW	HOWARD

AUGUST 2007

6	N9UPG	BILL
13	KB9VIS	BRIAN
20	KBØWIL	FRED
27	WØAJD	JD

Thanks to those of you who voluntarily call the net on Monday evenings. We would like to have more operators participate, so if you are able to call the net, please contact Fred, KBØWIL, and we will add your name to the list. Also, if any of the members listed are not going to be available, please contact one of the other members to replace you.

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